

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0033] with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] The second object indicated above may be achieved according to a second aspect of this invention, which provides a steering-wheel connecting device for elastically connecting a steering wheel of a vehicle to a rotary member which is supported by a stationary member fixed to a body of the vehicle such that the rotary member is rotatable about an axis thereof, upon rotation of the steering wheel to steer the vehicle, the ~~connector assembly~~ connecting device comprising:

a first member to be fixed to the rotary member such that the first member and the rotary member are rotatable as a unit;

a second member to be fixed to the steering wheel such that the second member and the rotary member are rotatable as a unit;

an elastic body interposed between the first and second members such that the steering wheel is elastically connected to the rotary member by only the elastic body through the first and second members; and

relative-rotation restricting means located between the first and second members, for restricting an amount of elastic deformation of the elastic body upon a rotary motion of the second member relative to the first member, to restrict a maximum angle of rotation of the second member relative to the first member, which rotation is permitted by the elastic deformation of the elastic body, whereby a maximum angle of rotation of the steering wheel relative to the rotary member is restricted by the relative-rotation restricting means.